

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE VETERANS OF
FOREIGN WARS

JUNE 29, 1999.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of
the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. STUMP, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.J. Res. 34]

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 34) congratulating and commending the Veterans of Foreign Wars, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the joint resolution do pass.

The organization which today is known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States traces its origin to the establishment in 1899 of a number of different veterans organizations following United States participation in the Spanish-American War. Today, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is an organization with 2,000,000 members involved in community and civic activities throughout the United States. Through such programs and activities as:

- The Voice of Democracy scholarship programs for high school students;
- Charitable and disaster relief programs;
- Veterans service officers who handle thousands of veterans claims each year;
- Co-sponsorship of the National Veterans Golden Age Games; and
- Voluntary service at veterans hospitals and thousands of other local community functions;

the VFW, whose motto is to “honor the dead by serving the living”, has contributed immeasurably to the improvement of the United States of America, the well-being of its veterans, and all of its citizens. Accordingly, the Committee believes it is appropriate to recognize the 100th anniversary of the VFW’s establishment and recommends that H.J. Res. 34 be favorably considered by the House.

OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

No oversight findings have been submitted to the Committee by the Committee on Government Reform.

COST ESTIMATE

The Committee projects that the reported bill would have no cost.

INFLATIONARY IMPACT STATEMENT

The enactment of the reported bill would have no inflationary impact.

APPLICABILITY TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The reported bill would not be applicable to the legislative branch under the Congressional Accountability Act, Public Law 104–1, because the bill would only affect certain Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Labor, and U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims programs and beneficiaries.

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL MANDATES

The reported bill would not establish a federal mandate under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, Public Law 104–4.

STATEMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution, the reported bill is authorized by Congress’ power to “provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States”.